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# REPORT

OF THE

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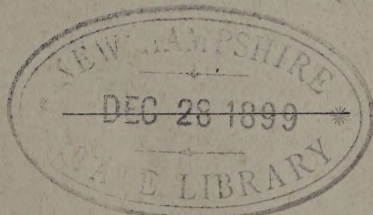
TOWN OF KINGSTON, N. H.

AND THE

Report of the Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1877.



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# REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

### OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1877.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the sum of six thousand two hundred eighty-seven dollars, (\$6287.00,) the same being paid to the treasurer and derived from the following sources.

|                                                                      |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| By cash received from the Treasurer of 1875,                         | \$1271 46 |
| Sam'l C. Colcord, Collector for 1876,                                | 2798 37   |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, Collector for 1876,                                | 1658 76   |
| Sam'l C. Colcord, Collector for 1874,                                | 18 00     |
| Moses J. French, Collector for 1875,                                 | 135 88    |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Alphonso Guy,          | 22 88     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered William Toad,          | 14 50     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Mrs. Stephen R. Smith, | 10 00     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Joseph Tucker,         | 12 25     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Morrell Carter,        | 29 50     |
| Received John Schelling, poll tax for 1875,                          | 1 25      |
| Interest on \$600 for six months,                                    | 15 00     |
| of Daniel Colcord 2d, house rent,                                    | 12 20     |
| of Nathan B. Marsh, for cupboard and table,                          | 3 40      |
| from State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,                              | 78 35     |
| " " " Railroad tax,                                                  | 120 46    |
| " " " Literary fund,                                                 | 78 30     |
| Interest on taxes,                                                   | 6 00      |
|                                                                      | \$6287 00 |

The Selectmen discharged themselves as follows, viz: By paying arrearages of previous years,

|                                                                   |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid the County of Rockingham, for the support of M. E. Gale,     | \$78 00  |
| Christian Advent society, Parsonage money for 1875,               | 18 59    |
| Wiggin & Furnald, for advice in 1875,                             | 9 00     |
| Mitchell & Hoyt, for printing town report 1875,                   | 23 00    |
| Monroe Colcord, for services as Moderator 1874,                   | 5 00     |
| James M. Bartlett, damage to cart in 1875,                        | 17 50    |
| S. S. Peaslee, school money due District No. 6, in 1875,          | 66 61    |
| Dr. Kelly, for returns of births and deaths, 1875,                | 1 50     |
| John S. Severance, for breaking roads in District No. 5, in 1875, | 1 58     |
|                                                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                                                   | \$220 78 |

Discharge of the Selectmen continued by paying the following bills for 1876,

|                                                                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid State Tax,                                                                         | \$1124 00 |
| County tax,                                                                             | 1142 33   |
| For Books and Stationery,                                                               | 6 60      |
| For Postage &c.,                                                                        | 1 90      |
| William F. Thyng, for damages to horse and wagon by defect in bridge in District No. 1, | 15 00     |
| Daniel Smith, damage to sleigh,                                                         | 8 00      |
| John T. Clark, for one box stove for the Town Hall, and zinc,                           | 12 75     |
| Dr. T. O. Reynolds for returns of births and deaths,                                    | 4 00      |
| Dr. G. W. Sanborn, " " " " " "                                                          | 3 00      |
| Insurance on Town Hall,                                                                 | 36 00     |
| James Bakie, for horse and wagon to Brentwood,                                          | 75        |
| For repairs on the outside of Town Hall,                                                | 142 21    |
| For repairs inside of Town Hall,                                                        | 39 93     |
| For putting up guide boards, posts, &c.,                                                | 46 60     |
| School District No. 1, School house tax for 1876,                                       | 25 00     |
| " " " " " " 2, " " " " " "                                                              | 84 00     |
| Union School District No. 4, School house tax for 1876,                                 | 11 52     |
| School District No. 6, School house tax for 1876,                                       | 65 00     |
| Harriet Page, for one sheep killed by dogs,                                             | 4 00      |
| Eben W. Hunt, " " " " " "                                                               | 4 00      |
| James M. Bartlett, " " " " " "                                                          | 4 00      |
| Amos Kimball, " " " " " "                                                               | 4 00      |
| Moses J. French, " " " " " "                                                            | 3 00      |
| Eben Eastman, " " " " " "                                                               | 6 00      |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid Sam'l C. Colecord and Sam'l E. Woodman, Collectors for 1876, for collecting \$4532.13 at 2 per cent.,             | 90 64           |
| A. J. Cilley, for services as Town Clerk,                                                                              | 35 00           |
| Jacob Chapman, Superintending School Committee,                                                                        | 25 00           |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, for making and recording taxes,                                                                      | 15 00           |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, for making and recording four school house taxes, and making returns of inventory for 1875 and 1876, | 5 00            |
| Sam'l E. Woodman for services as Selectman,                                                                            | 45 00           |
| James Bakie, " " " "                                                                                                   | 30 00           |
| A. J. Davis, " " " "                                                                                                   | 25 00           |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, " " " Treasurer,                                                                                     | 25 00           |
| " " " 14 trips with the hearse,                                                                                        | 28 00           |
| " " " horse and wagon to Exeter, twice,                                                                                | 1 50            |
|                                                                                                                        | <hr/> \$3118 73 |

## SCHOOL MONEY.

|                                                     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid Prudential School Committee of District No. 1, | \$167 14        |
| " " " " " " 2,                                      | 282 75          |
| " " " " " " 3,                                      | 242 38          |
| " " " " " " 4,                                      | 52 40           |
| " " " " " " 5,                                      | 156 32          |
| " " " " " " 6,                                      | 236 41          |
|                                                     | <hr/> \$1137 40 |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

For the Year ending March 1st, 1877.

|                                                                                                                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Mrs. Moses W. Rogers,                                                                                                                     | \$10 00 |
| Isaac W. Silloway, for house rent for Mrs. Rogers,                                                                                             | 3 36    |
| William H. Hills, for services in getting Moses W. Rogers, out of County House,                                                                | 8 00    |
| Jeremiah B. Webster, 6 feet of wood,                                                                                                           | 2 46    |
| Mrs. Charles M. Dunn, 4 feet of wood,                                                                                                          | 1 50    |
| William Winslow, for boarding Sylvia Winslow, child, 50 weeks, at \$1.00 per week,                                                             | 50 00   |
| Samuel S. Winslow, for boarding the Gale children 48 weeks at \$2.50 per week,                                                                 | 120 00  |
| For clothing for the Gale children,                                                                                                            | 25 20   |
| Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for doctoring Gale children,                                                                                               | 1 75    |
| Bakie brothers, for assistance rendered Joseph Webster,                                                                                        | 20 00   |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, for boarding Morrell Carter (a County Pauper) from Jan. 24, to March 29, 1876, and expenses at funeral,                 | 42 00   |
| C. N. Colbath, for coffin for Morrell Carter,                                                                                                  | 7 00    |
| for robe, " " " "                                                                                                                              | 2 50    |
| Charles R. Schelling, for digging grave for Morrell Carter,                                                                                    | 2 00    |
| Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for doctoring " "                                                                                                          | 5 00    |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for journey to Exeter for coffin and trouble of getting Morrell Carter on the County,                                       | 4 00    |
| Samuel E. Woodman for journey to Brentwood County house with W. B. Curoux and wife, county paupers, and trouble of getting them on the County, | 5 00    |

|                                                                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Samuel E. Woodman, for journey to East Kingston, Hampton Falls, and County farm, getting Aloye Smith on the County, | 4 00     |
| John W. Collins, for assistance rendered Charles H. Davis, a County pauper,                                         | 13 25    |
| for alcohol,                                                                                                        | 2 20     |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for two journeys to South Kingston and one to Exeter, to get coffin for Mrs. Charles H. Davis,   | 3 00     |
| Samuel Woodman, for journey to South Kingston and Newton getting Charles H. Davis on the County,                    | 2 50     |
| for horse and wagon to go to Exeter to settle with the County Commissioners,                                        | 75       |
| car fare to Portsmouth, to settle with the County Commissioners,                                                    | 1 20     |
| for horse to go to Brentwood to carry tramps,                                                                       | 1 00     |
| S. S. Collins, for keeping 22 tramps, 75 cts. per night,                                                            | 16 50    |
| A. J. Davis, for keeping 3 tramps, 50 cts. per night,                                                               | 1 50     |
|                                                                                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                                     | \$355 67 |
| Received from County for assistance rendered Morrell Carter,                                                        | \$29 50  |
| Due from the County for assistance rendered Charles H. Davis,                                                       | 15 45    |
| Received of Daniel Colcord 2d for house rent,                                                                       | 12 20    |
|                                                                                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                                     | \$57 15  |
| Expense for the year,                                                                                               | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                                     | \$298 52 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

|                                                                 |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Orren Smith, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$27 31  |
| Jacob Webster, Jr., for 980 feet of bridge timber,              | 17 64    |
| R. L. Prescott, for breaking roads April, 1876,                 | 2 00     |
| Orren Smith, for repairs on road,                               | 3 65     |
| “ for breaking roads winter 1876-77,                            | 63 36    |
|                                                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                                                 | \$113 96 |

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

|                                                                       |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Hosea B. Bartlett, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$13 51 |
| Hosea B. Bartlett, for breaking roads winter 1876-77,                 | 20 00   |
| Alvin F. Davis, for breaking roads in April, 1876,                    | 7 20    |
|                                                                       | <hr/>   |
|                                                                       | \$40 71 |

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

|                                                                    |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John H. Furber, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$17 56 |
| John H. Furber, for breaking roads winter of 1876-77,              | 11 44   |
|                                                                    | <hr/>   |
|                                                                    | \$29 00 |

## DISTRICT NO. 3½.

|                                                                         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Richard B. Bartlett, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$34 84 |
| Richard B. Bartlett, for breaking roads winter of 1876-77               | 16 94   |
|                                                                         | <hr/>   |
|                                                                         | \$51 78 |

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

|                                                                   |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John C. Eaton, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$34 26 |
| Jacob Webster, Jr., for 1920 feet of bridge timber,               | 34 56   |
| John C. Eaton, for breaking roads winter of 1876-77,              | 16 77   |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, for bridge timber,                              | 2 50    |
|                                                                   | <hr/>   |
|                                                                   | \$88 09 |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

|                                                                       |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Daniel L. Goodwin, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$28 68  |
| Daniel L. Goodwin, for breaking roads winter 1876-77                  | 48 69    |
| Jacob Webster, Jr., for 758 feet of bridge timber,                    | 11 75    |
| Andrew J. Davis, for breaking roads in April, 1876,                   | 11 62    |
| Isaac W. Silloway, for breaking roads in district No. 5, April, 1876, | 1 80     |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                                                       | \$102 54 |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid John W. Collins, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$110 16 |
| John W. Collins, for repairs on bridge,                             | 1 50     |
| " " for breaking roads winter of 1876-77,                           | 72 74    |
| " " " in district No. 6, in April, 1876,                            | 10 13    |
|                                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                                     | \$194 53 |

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

|                                                                  |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Moses Tucker, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money, | \$54 90  |
| Moses Tucker, for breaking roads winter of 1876-77,              | 37 25    |
|                                                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                                                  | \$92 15  |
| Total for highways and bridges,                                  | \$712 76 |

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1874.

|                               |          |         |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Hervey Pillsbury,             | Poll tax | \$1 72  |
| Amos Wood,                    | "        | 1 72    |
| John W. Judkins,              | "        | 1 72    |
| Elmer R. Silloway,            | "        | 1 72    |
| Frederick Silloway,           | "        | 1 72    |
| Nathaniel A. Wentworth,       | "        | 1 72    |
| Ebenezer Thurston's heirs tax |          | 7 68    |
|                               |          | <hr/>   |
|                               |          | \$18 00 |

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1875.

|                   |              |        |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Joseph O. George, | Poll tax,    | \$1 25 |
| George S. Martin, | "            | 1 25   |
| James C. Card,    | "            | 1 25   |
| Joseph W. Gilman, | tax in full, | 3 50   |
| William Malony,   | " "          | 1 56   |
| Walter W. Holden, | " "          | 2 25   |
| Moses Williams,   | " "          | 3 33   |
| Levi B. Webster,  | " "          | 4 18   |
| On 6 Dogs,        |              | 6 00   |
| Nancy Colby,      |              | 1 26   |

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 \$25 82

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1876.

|                                       |                        |        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Simeon Allen,                         | Poll tax,              | \$1 04 |
| Alonzo Smith,                         | "                      | 1 04   |
| Carl Lurger,                          | "                      | 1 04   |
| Charles E. Norfolk,                   | "                      | 1 04   |
| Henry Townly,                         | "                      | 1 09   |
| Jeremiah B. Webster,                  | "                      | 1 09   |
| Walter Flanders,                      | "                      | 1 00   |
| John Welch,                           | "                      | 1 00   |
| Zachery T. Belden,                    | "                      | 1 00   |
| John W. Pierce,                       | "                      | 1 00   |
| Wells C. Norton,                      | "                      | 1 00   |
| John Schelling,                       | "                      | 1 00   |
| George W. Kimball, Jr.,               | "                      | 1 00   |
| George H. Johnston,                   | "                      | 1 08   |
| George W. McIntire,                   | "                      | 1 08   |
| Daniel Brackett,                      | "                      | 1 08   |
| Eben Eastman,                         | tax on one ox,         | 25     |
| E. S. Philbrick,                      | " cow,                 | 30     |
| Elizabeth A. Stickney,                | " "                    | 30     |
| S. S. Peaslee,                        | over-taxed             | 4 00   |
| Sarah Patten, heirs,                  | "                      | 1 00   |
| William Winslow,                      | "                      | 1 00   |
| Nathaniel D. Webster,                 | "                      | 54     |
| L. D. Towle,                          |                        | 1 00   |
| Charles H. Davis,                     | "                      | 40     |
| Israel Martin,                        | tax in full,           | 1 52   |
| John J. Quimby,                       | over-taxed,            | 1 33   |
| 30 Dogs,                              |                        | 30 00  |
| Eliphalet Brown, heirs, non-resident, |                        | 1 00   |
| Thomas Currier,                       | " "                    | 54     |
| Gardner Clifford,                     | taxed twice, resident, | 5 23   |
| Mrs. Frederick Sargent,               | " "                    | 13 33  |
| Michael F. Hoyt,                      | over-taxed,            | 26     |
| James Johnson,                        | " "                    | 1 30   |
| John Philbrick, heirs,                | " "                    | 80     |
| Richard W. Sargent,                   | " "                    | 2 40   |
| Phillip Whittier,                     | " "                    | 40     |
| Albert Wintworth,                     | " "                    | 1 93   |
| Samuel Noyes, heirs,                  | " "                    | 5 00   |
| John Currier,                         | " "                    | 1 41   |

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## MONEY DERIVED FROM DOG TAX.

|                                                                 |         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| In 1876, taxes on 100 dogs,                                     |         | \$100 00  |
| Paid abatements on 30 dogs,                                     | \$30 00 |           |
| for six sheep killed by dogs,                                   | 25 00   |           |
|                                                                 | <hr/>   | \$55 00   |
| Dog tax remaining in town treasury,                             |         | 45 00     |
| The whole expenses of the town for the year, as approved by us, |         |           |
| the Selectmen, amounts to                                       |         | \$5680 98 |

SAM'L E. WOODMAN, } Selectmen  
 JAMES BAKIE, } of  
 ANDREW J. DAVIS, } Kingston.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1877.

|                                                                        |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Treasurer charges himself by receiving from all sources the sum of | \$6287 00 |
| Paid out by order of the Selectmen,                                    | 5680 98   |
|                                                                        | <hr/>     |
| Amount of money remaining in the treasury,                             | \$606 02  |
| LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH FIRST, 1877.                            |           |
| Due on town parsonage fund,                                            | \$5200 00 |
| school fund,                                                           | 1260 00   |
| one year interest on parsonage fund,                                   | 312 00    |
|                                                                        | <hr/>     |
|                                                                        | \$6772 00 |

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN, MARCH FIRST, 1877.

|                                                                             |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Due on Amos Kimball, Collector, bond for 1871,                              | \$21 78   |
| John T. Clark, " " 1873,                                                    | 30 00     |
| Moses J. French, " " 1875,                                                  | 14 18     |
| Sam'l E. Woodman, " " 1876,                                                 | 75 00     |
| Due from the County of Rockingham for assistance rendered Charles H. Davis, | 15 45     |
| John W. Prescott, for grass,                                                | 13 25     |
| Government bounties,                                                        | 800 00    |
| Elmer C. Carter, by order of court,                                         | 200 00    |
| " " cost of prosecution per order of the court,                             | 61 95     |
| Due from money remaining in the hands of Treasurer,                         | 606 02    |
|                                                                             | <hr/>     |
|                                                                             | \$1837 63 |
| Amount of town debt March 1, 1877,                                          | \$4934 37 |
| March 1, 1876,                                                              | 4024 03   |
|                                                                             | <hr/>     |
| Increase of town debt,                                                      | \$910 34  |

SAM'L E. WOODMAN, Treasurer.

MARCH, 5, 1877.

The undersigned have examined the account of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the previous year, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

JOHN W. SANBORN, }  
 CARLES B. CLARK, } Auditors.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

GEO. S. BRAGDON, Prudential Committee.

This school commenced May 1st, under the instruction of Miss Cora E. Roberts of Berwick, Me., and continued 9 weeks. The 2d term, of 14 weeks, was taught by Miss Mattie A. Knox, of No. Lebanon, Me., now Mrs. Bragdon.

The pupils were most of them small, but quiet and orderly. The teachers seemed to be faithful and successful in their business.

In the 1st term, 5 scholars are marked as present every day, viz : Eddie S. Sanborn, John P. Pillsbury, Eddie Pillsbury, Abbie S. Stevens and Annie Burnsville.

In the 2d term, Nellie F. French, Gracie Sanborn and Milo Carter.

The schoolhouse needs repairs and new seats and desks.

## DISTRICT NO 2.

JOHN P. DAVIS, Prudential Committee.

Miss Clara E. Woodman commenced April 24, and taught 10 weeks ; and after a vacation, she kept the fall term of 13 weeks. The winter term, of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss Laura J. Smith, who has had a long experience in the business and seems to have acquired much skill in governing scholars. Both of these teachers appear to have been industrious and conscientious in their labors.

In the summer term, Miss Woodman had 42 scholars, and more classes than any teacher could profitably hear. But for the last two terms the number did not average 21.

The following have been the most punctual scholars : Rebecca M. Garland not absent or tardy for the year. Ida French for two terms. For one term, Charlotte P. and Carrie L. Peaslee, Ida Prescott, Edith Judkins, Ella J. Philbrick, Arthur H. Marshall, Eddie Hall and Frank Stevens.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

STEPHEN F. NICHOLS, Prudential Committee.

Miss Abbie A. Sanborn commenced May 1st, and taught both terms, 9 weeks in the summer and 15 weeks in the fall, closing December 15. The school was larger than in years past, and the scholars seemed punctual, orderly and attentive to business. I was particularly interested in the classes in Geography.

Simeon P. Clark and Lizzie E. Sanborn were not absent or tardy for the year. Mary Rogers not absent and but once tardy. George Davis, Freddie Webster, Lizzie Bakie, Susie Frost, Clara Nichols, Frank Abrams, George and Perley Cilley, and others are named with credit for punctuality.

Of No. 4, (connected with Newton), I know nothing except that it has drawn \$52.40 of our school money. I have not learned whether they have any scholars or not.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN P. STICKNEY, Prudential Committee.

Miss Nellie F. Little of Atkinson, who was so successful here last year, commenced on the 8th day of May, and taught two terms of 10 weeks each, closing the last of December. This school has excelled all others, in punctual attendance. During the last ten weeks, only 3 marks for tardiness are recorded against 21 boys.

Melvin D. Stickney and S. W. Davis not absent or tardy during the year. Mary J. Goodwin, Gertie M. Page, Etta E. Kimball, Ulysses Page, Arthur and Elmer George and L. J. Davis not absent or tardy for one term.

This school has made great improvement within the last two years. I am glad to see they have secured more land, so that the scholars can go round the schoolhouse without trespassing on their neighbors.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

SIMMONS S. PEASLEE, Prudential Committee.

This school commenced May 1st, under the care of Miss Florence S. Clough of Portsmouth, who seems to have labored faithfully in school, though she has had but little experience. With 39 scholars on her list, in 45 days there were 143 marks for tardiness, 307 for absence and 516 for dismissal. Such a state of things is discouraging. The 2d term shows some improvement in this respect. If parents do not keep their children in school, no teacher can do much for them. Mr. George A. Clough of Portsmouth, commenced the 3d term, October 9, and taught 21 weeks. So far as I have learned, he gave general satisfaction. Some of the scholars, who attended regularly, made commendable improvement.

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Kingston Academy has been open, during most of the year, with a good number of students, under the former principal, Mr. D. J. Bakie and his assistant, Miss M. C. Patten. It is hoped that all good citizens will appreciate the value of such an institution to the town, and be willing to co-operate in sustaining it.



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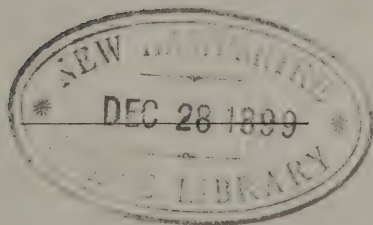
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|                                                                 |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| By cash received from the Treasurer of 1876,                    | \$606 02  |
| B. F. Cram, Collector for 1877,                                 | 4999 32   |
| Moses J. French, Collector for 1875,                            | 14 18     |
| Samuel E. Woodman, Collector for 1876,                          | 75 00     |
| B. F. Cram, interest on taxes,                                  | 12 00     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered S. S. Webster,    | 52 00     |
| County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Charles H. Davis, | 15 45     |
| Thomas W. Davis, for house rent,                                | 11 00     |
| State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,                              | 91 49     |
| “ “ Railroad tax,                                               | 125 20    |
| “ “ Literary fund,                                              | 86 00     |
| John W. Prescott, for use of town hall,                         | 68 50     |
| Henry Goodwin, for old bridge timber,                           | 1 00      |
| Jeremiah B. Webster, poll tax for 1877,                         | 1 09      |
|                                                                 | \$6158 25 |

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows, viz. :

|                                                          |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. B. Clark and J. W. Sanborn, Auditors for 1876,   | \$2 00  |
| State tax,                                               | 1028 00 |
| County tax,                                              | 1118 86 |
| For books and stationery,                                | 5 08    |
| For postage, blanks, &c.,                                | 1 00    |
| L. D. Peaslee, record book,                              | 4 90    |
| Charles Marseilles, printing town reports 1876,          | 17 00   |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for building hearse house,            | 138 00  |
| “ “ taking down the old house,                           | 1 00    |
| “ “ unperpinning the new hearse house,                   | 1 00    |
| “ “ for grading about the hearse house,                  | 2 00    |
| “ “ for shingles and nails for Gale house,               | 75      |
| Wiggin & Fernald, for services in the Lyford case,       | 22 25   |
| L. D. Lyford, cost of suit in his case against the town, | 32 75   |
| Henry D. Webster, for burying horse,                     | 2 50    |
| A. J. Davis, for cash paid for horse hire,               | 2 40    |

|                                                                         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| John P. Stickney, school house tax due school District No. 5, for 1877, | 65 00  |
| S. S. Peaslee, for damage to plough,                                    | 5 00   |
| John W. Prescott, for taking tramps to County House, Dec., 1876,        | 2 00   |
| A. J. Cilley, for repairs on hearse,                                    | 10 00  |
| John W. Prescott, cleaning town hall three times,                       | 5 75   |
| “ “ for brackets, lamps, chimneys, &c.,                                 | 7 25   |
| “ “ opening hall for Farmers' meeting,                                  | 1 50   |
| Bounty on 4 foxes,                                                      | 2 00   |
| “ “ 4 hawks,                                                            | 80     |
| Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for return of births and deaths,                    | 5 00   |
| Dr. G. W. Sanborn, “ “ “                                                | 3 50   |
| Expenses building lockup,                                               | 115 51 |
| For stove and funnel for lockup,                                        | 3 75   |
| Pail, washdish, bucket, &c.,                                            | 2 55   |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for making and recording taxes,                      | 15 00  |
| “ “ for making one school house tax and enrolling military.             | 2 00   |
| Harriet B. Page, for one sheep killed by dogs,                          | 4 00   |
| Alfred Davis, “ “ “ “                                                   | 5 00   |
| Nathan Nason, “ “ “ “                                                   | 5 00   |
| Eben Eastman, damage on sheep by dogs,                                  | 3 00   |
| John Jones, one sheep killed and lamb damaged by dogs,                  | 6 00   |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for services as Selectman,                           | 30 00  |
| “ “ “ “ Treasurer,                                                      | 25 00  |
| “ “ “ “ 18 trips with hearse,                                           | 26 00  |
| Moses, J. French, for services as selectman,                            | 25 00  |
| A. J. Davis, “ “ “ “                                                    | 23 00  |
| Walter S. Clark, for services as Town Clerk,                            | 35 00  |
| John P. Sanborn, for services as Superintending School Committee,       | 25 00  |
| B. F. Cram, for collecting \$5094.32, at 2 per cent.,                   | 101 88 |
| For horse and wagon to Exeter twice,                                    | 1 50   |

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\$2941 48

#### SCHOOL MONEY.

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Prudential School Committee of District No. 1, | \$160 33 |
| “ “ “ “ No. 2,                                      | 268 94   |
| “ “ “ “ No. 3,                                      | 225 13   |
| “ “ “ “ No. 4,                                      | 47 07    |
| “ “ “ “ No. 5,                                      | 146 47   |
| “ “ “ “ No. 6,                                      | 213 16   |

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\$1061 10

#### PARSONAGE MONEY FOR 1876.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Congregational Society,    | \$103 70 |
| Methodist Society,              | 82 96    |
| Universalist Society,           | 69 44    |
| Christian Advent Society,       | 17 14    |
| First Freewill Baptist Society, | 11 72    |
| Second “ “                      | 16 23    |
| Advent Millennial,              | 8 60     |

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\$304 79

## PARSONAGE MONEY FOR 1877.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Congregational Society,     | \$107 93 |
| Universalist Society,            | 80 95    |
| Methodist Society,               | 74 20    |
| Christian Advent Society,        | 15 18    |
| Advent Millennial Society,       | 5 06     |
| Second Freewill Baptist Society, | 15 18    |
| Baptist Society,                 | 5 06     |
|                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                  | \$303 56 |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Anna M. Winslow, for boarding the Gale children 52 weeks, from March 1st, 1877, to March 1st, 1878, | \$130 00 |
| William Winslow, for boarding Sylvia Winslow, child, 52 weeks, from March 1st, 1877, to March 1st, 1878, | 52 00    |
| For Clothing for the Gale children,                                                                      | 23 28    |
| Dr. G. W. Sanborn, medical attendance, Gale children,                                                    | 3 00     |
| “ “ “ “ Levi B. Martin,                                                                                  | 3 00     |
| L. D. Peaslee, for assistance rendered Levi B. Martin,                                                   | 1 50     |
| Bakie Brothers, for assistance rendered Joseph Webster,                                                  | 4 25     |
| Wm. W. Boswell, for assistance rendered Frank Severance,                                                 | 15 50    |
| Drs. Bartlett and Odlin, for examining Benjamin N. French,                                               | 10 00    |
| James W. Odlin, for keeping B. N. French,                                                                | 1 50     |
| James Bean, for assistance in B. N. French case,                                                         | 1 00     |
| The County of Rockingham, for boarding Benj. N. French from Nov. 21st to March 1st, at \$3 per week,     | 42 42    |
| The County of Rockingham for B. N. French, damage to bedding and clothing,                               | 5 06     |
| Wm. W. Boswell, Justice and officer's fees in case of the Town of Kingston vs. Herbert W. Clark,         | 7 68     |
| Dr. G. W. Sanborn, for medical attendance, Blanch A. Quimby,                                             | 8 00     |
| Wiggin & Fernald, for advice in case of L. Cass,                                                         | 2 00     |
| S. S. Collins, for keeping 79 tramps at 75 cents per night,                                              | 59 25    |
| John W. Judkins, keeping 23 tramps at 25 cents per night,                                                | 5 75     |
| Joseph L. Choate, keeping 12 tramps at 25 cents per night,                                               | 3 00     |
| Samuel E. Woodman, expenses on 26 tramps at 25 cents per night,                                          | 6 50     |
| A. J. Davis, for keeping 5 tramps at 75 cents per night,                                                 | 3 75     |
| Car fare to Portsmouth and Exeter to settle with the County Commissioners,                               | 1 50     |
| To horse hire, 32 miles at 12 1-2 cents per mile,                                                        | 4 00     |
| Samuel E. Woodman, for services as Overseer of the Poor,                                                 | 8 00     |
| Stephen S. Webster, for the County of Rockingham, one dollar per week, 52 weeks, to March 1st, 1878,     | 52 00    |
|                                                                                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                          | \$453 93 |
| Received from the County for assistance rendered Stephen S. Webster,                                     | \$52 00  |
| From Thomas W. Davis, rent for the Gale house,                                                           | 11 00    |
| Due from Thomas W. Davis, house rent to March 1st,                                                       | 5 50     |
|                                                                                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                          | \$68 50  |
| Expenses for the year,                                                                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                          | \$385 43 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

|                                                                        |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Orren Smith, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$11 74 |
| Orren Smith, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 10 17   |
| Joseph Judkins, for repairs on bridge, and lumber,                     | 2 38    |
|                                                                        | <hr/>   |
|                                                                        | \$24 29 |

## DISTRICT No. 2.

|                                                                           |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Alvin F. Davis, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$5 65  |
| Alvin F. Davis, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 6 65    |
| Alvin F. Davis, for post rails and use of scraper,                        | 2 25    |
| M. J. French, for 556 feet of bridge timber,                              | 8 06    |
|                                                                           | <hr/>   |
|                                                                           | \$22 61 |

## DISTRICT No. 3.

|                                                                           |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John H. Furber, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$6 00  |
| John H. Furber, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 9 55    |
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|                                                                           | \$15 55 |

## DISTRICT No. 3½.

|                                                                         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Obediah Bean, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$24 23 |
| Obediah Bean, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 2 55    |
| " " for post and rails,                                                 | 1 00    |
| " " repairs on bridge.                                                  | 1 50    |
| Jonathan French, for 754 feet of bridge timber,                         | 9 80    |
| R. B. Bartlett, for breaking roads March, 1877,                         | 8 30    |
|                                                                         | <hr/>   |
|                                                                         | \$42 38 |

## DISTRICT No. 4.

|                                                                             |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid George W. Wright, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$9 82  |
| George W. Wright, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 4 35    |
| John B. French, for " " " " " "                                             | 1 50    |
|                                                                             | <hr/>   |
|                                                                             | \$15 67 |

## DISTRICT No. 5.

|                                                                      |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Ezra Page, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$13 19 |
| Ezra Page, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 11 02   |
| E. L. Chenev, repairs on bridge,                                     | 50      |
| H. D. Webster, repairs on bridge,                                    | 3 47    |
|                                                                      | <hr/>   |
|                                                                      | \$28 18 |

## DISTRICT No. 6.

|                                                                            |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John W. Collins, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$77 30 |
| John W. Collins, for breaking roads winter 1877-78,                        | 16 79   |
| " " for bridge timber, post, rails, &c.,                                   | 3 70    |
| Robert W. Varrill, for repairs on bridge, March, '76,                      | 1 20    |
|                                                                            | <hr/>   |
|                                                                            | \$98 99 |

## DISTRICT No. 7.

|                                                                           |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid John F. Tucker, Highway Surveyor, non-resident highway money worked, | \$31 67  |
| John F. Tucker, for breaking roads winter 1877-78                         | 18 00    |
| " " for bridge timber,                                                    | 50       |
|                                                                           | <hr/>    |
|                                                                           | \$50 17  |
| Total for highways and bridges,                                           | \$297 84 |

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1875.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| William F. Sanborn, over-taxed, | \$6 25 |
| A. C. Clemant, tax in full,     | 5 53   |
| Charles L. Fifield, poll tax,   | 1 25   |

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 \$12 98

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1876.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| William F. Sanborn, over-taxed, | \$5 21 |
| Jonathan Webster, tax in full,  | 1 63   |
| James M. Judkins, poll tax,     | 1 09   |
| On one dog,                     | 1 00   |

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 \$8 93

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1877.

|                                         |           |        |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Calvin Smith,                           | Poll tax, | \$1 25 |
| James H. Beals,                         | "         | 1 25   |
| Charles H. Mitchell,                    | "         | 1 25   |
| Ormand S. Davis,                        | "         | 1 25   |
| Samuel Canutson,                        | "         | 1 25   |
| George C. Eastman,                      | "         | 1 25   |
| Stephen S. Judkins,                     | "         | 1 25   |
| George W. Prescott, Jr.,                | "         | 1 25   |
| Benjamin N. French,                     | "         | 1 25   |
| William O. Morrill,                     | "         | 1 25   |
| John M. Jaquis,                         | "         | 1 25   |
| Thomas W. Bagley,                       | "         | 1 25   |
| Charles R. Schelling,                   | "         | 1 25   |
| Henry Spicer,                           | "         | 1 25   |
| John Downing,                           | "         | 1 25   |
| Jackson D. Currier,                     | "         | 1 25   |
| Edward S. Bisbee,                       | "         | 1 25   |
| Chark B. Chellis,                       | "         | 1 25   |
| Simon B. Judkins,                       | "         | 1 25   |
| Lewis F. Prescott,                      | "         | 1 25   |
| George E. Stewart, tax in full,         |           | 1 55   |
| Mary A. Marsh, tax on cow,              |           | 20     |
| Jacob Chapman, over-taxed,              |           | 1 25   |
| Joseph Judkins, tax on horse,           |           | 38     |
| Simon B. Judkins, " "                   |           | 62     |
| Edward Norfolk, " "                     |           | 75     |
| On 16 dogs,                             |           | 16 00  |
| Isaac T. Hoyt, non-resident over-taxed, |           | 93     |
| Henry H. Nichols, " "                   |           | 1 45   |
| John Currier, tax and cost,             |           | 1 35   |
| Ezra Page, tax on horse,                |           | 62     |

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 \$50 10

## MONEY DERIVED FROM DOG TAX,

|                                |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| In 1877, taxes on 86 dogs,     |         | \$86 00 |
| Paid abatements on 16 dogs,    | \$16 00 |         |
| for five sheep killed by dogs, | 23 00   | 39 00   |

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\$47 00

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|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Dog tax remaining in town treasury for 1876, | 45 00 |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|

“ “ “ “ for 1877, \$92 00

|                                                                |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The whole expenses of the town for the year as approved by us, |           |
| the Selectmen, amounts to                                      | \$5434 66 |

SAM'L E. WOODMAN, } Selectmen  
 MOSES J. FRENCH, } of  
 ANDREW J. DAVIS, } Kingston.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1878.

|                                                                        |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Treasurer charges himself by receiving from all sources the sum of | \$6158 25 |
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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid out by order of the Selectmen, | 5434 66 |
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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount of money remaining in the treasury, | \$723 59 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH, FIRST, 1878.

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Due on town parsonage fund, | \$5200 00 |
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|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| school fund, | 1260 00 |
|--------------|---------|

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Due the Baptist society, interest on parsonage fund for 1876, | 7 21 |
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| the 1st Freewill Baptist society, interest on parsonage fund, for 1877, | 8 44 |
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\$6475 65

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN, MARCH FIRST, 1878.

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|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Due on Amos Kimball, Collector, bond for 1871, | \$21 78 |
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|--------------------------|-------|
| John T. Clark, “ “ 1873, | 30 00 |
|--------------------------|-------|

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|-----------------------|-------|
| B. F. Cram, “ “ 1877, | 95 00 |
|-----------------------|-------|

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Due from John W. Prescott, for grass, | 13 25 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Government bounties, | 800 00 |
|----------------------|--------|

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Elmer C. Carter, by order of court, | 200 00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| “ “ cost of prosecution per order of the court, | 61 95 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|

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|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| money remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, | 723 59 |
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\$1945 57

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount of town debt, March 1, 1878, | \$4530 08 |
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| March 1, 1877, | 4934 37 |
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| Decrease of town debt, | \$404 29 |
|------------------------|----------|

SAM'L E. WOODMAN, Treasurer.

MARCH 5, 1878.

The undersigned, have examined the account of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the previous year, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

CHAS. B. CLARK, Auditor.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOSEPH S. JUDKINS, Prudential Committee.

Miss Emma S. Eastman, teacher. Wages per month, \$25. Whole number of scholars, 30. Average attendance, 26. Weeks of school, 24. Number of visitors, 50. Number of months teacher has taught, 17.

Miss Eastman is a successful teacher, skilful and accomplished; she uniformly did well, secured and enjoyed the confidence of committee and parents, and the respect and affection of her pupils. The school always appeared first-rate. We bespeak for this teacher a bright future in her rightly chosen profession.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

CLARON THYNG, Prudential Committee.

Miss Laura J. Smith, teacher first term; Mrs. Laura J. Hilliard, second; Mr. Frank B. Swain, third. Wages of first and second terms per month, \$34; third term, \$36. Whole number of scholars first and second terms, 41. Average attendance, 37. Whole number of scholars third term, 30. Average attendance, 17. First teacher's experience, 14 years; second, none. Number of visitors first and second terms, 50; third, (8 weeks of school) 30.

The teacher of the first and second terms was a veteran in the business, calm and self-possessed, perfectly at home in the school-room, being able to guide her pupils with perfect ease in regard to order. She had her whole time to impart instruction, which she most skilfully did. The kindest of feelings seemed to exist between teacher and pupils. The school was a success.

The literary attainments of the teacher of the third term were far beyond what was required by law to teach in our common schools, yet he labored under many disadvantages: first, he had no experience in teaching; second, he had not received any special training for the business; third, he took the place of a first-class teacher of 14 years experience; fourth, he seemed to show want of tact and energy; fifth, flying reports derogatory to the school soon began to be circulated, the parents took away many of the pupils, and although the few who remained made good progress, yet as a whole it was nearly a failure, and a larger part of the money was thrown away. This school has more material in it than any other school in town, and is the hardest to govern and teach successfully,

and should never be trusted again in the hands of a person of no experience ; in fact, no one except a first-class teacher of large experience should be hired here ; if they are, the school will be very likely to prove a failure.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

JOHN W. PKESCOTT, Prudential Committee.

Miss Elmira C. Gordon, teacher. Wages per month, \$30. Whole number of scholars, 36. Average attendance, 30. Teacher's experience, 36 months. Number of visitors 44. Weeks of school, 27.

Miss Gordon is a first-class teacher, a good disciplinarian, she discharged her duties faithfully, the pupils at the close of the year gave evidence of marked improvement, and their advancement was highly satisfactory. The parents of this district seem to take great interest in the school, and try to make every thing as agreeable as they can for the teacher.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

A present of the school money to Newton, N. H. !!

### DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN P. STICKNEY, Prudential Committee.

Miss Ella E. Webster, teacher. Wages per month, \$30. Whole number of scholars, 36. Average attendance, 32. Teacher's experience 50 months. Number of visitors, 40. Weeks of school, 19. More school money needed here.

This district was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Webster, a lady of rare ability as a teacher and disciplinarian. Promptness, thoroughness and dispatch characterized every movement. The mode of government was firm and decided, yet kind ; the best of feelings seemed to exist between teacher and pupils. Under her judicious and efficient management, the school made very gratifying progress. Taking everything into consideration, this must rank as the banner school for the year.

### DISTRICT NO. 6.

JAMES M. QUIMBY, Prudential Committee.

Miss Helen M. Webster, teacher. Wages per month, \$28. Whole number of scholars 29. Average attendance, 24. Teacher's experience, 40 months. Number of visitors, 40. Weeks of school, 27.

Miss Webster is an honest, faithful, industrious and successful teacher. At the different visits of the committee the school always appeared well, the pupils seemed to be orderly in their deportment, studious in their habits of study and the improvement was satisfactory.

### SCHOOLROOMS AND SCHOOLS.

I would say that I always found the schoolrooms of the female teachers, neat and orderly, and consider their schools a success.

Average length of schools 25 13-25 weeks.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

Citizens : If you wish to have your children educated you must cultivate a liberal spirit, and cheerfully appropriate more money than the law requires.

### SCHOOL HOUSES.

Parents : You strive to make your dwellings comfortable, and many of them have an air of elegance ; you labor diligently to amass wealth, that

you may provide for your children when they shall be deprived of your care; yet you suffer them to incur the risk of distorting limbs, of ruining health, by keeping them in ill-ventilated schoolrooms, confined upon hard benches with straight backs, and sitting over cold floors. It is said that there is more suffering from cold feet in the schoolrooms, than from any other cause. The feet should be kept warm, and head cool. You undoubtedly wish to stamp good impressions upon the minds of your children,—then beautify and adorn the schoolrooms with instructive mottoes, appropriate paintings, &c. Impressions upon children go a great ways in forming their character in after life. A word to the wise, &c.

#### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

The silly practice of conferring this office upon any one who may wish it, can not be too strongly reprobated. It is an office of great trust and responsibility, and belongs to none but the best of men and women; and then only during good behavior. They should be persons of intelligence, honest, moral, of keen discrimination and quick decision, be paid for their services, and made to do their duty or vacate their office. No new teacher should be encouraged to even hope for a school until a certificate of qualifications from under the hand of the properly appointed officer, is presented to the Prudential Committee. A strict observance of this rule would avoid all collision between school and Prudential Committees and prevent incompetent teachers from obtaining certificates, as it were, by extortion. This is a matter of such vital importance as to demand the earnest consideration of all Prudential Committees. One month of good schooling is worth more than an indefinite amount of an inferior quality, therefore the price paid a teacher is a matter hardly worthy of consideration, from the fact that the teacher is dealing with mind not matter.

#### GOOD TEACHERS

Are those who are adapted to teaching; who are patient and persevering; commanding, but gentle; firm, with warm sympathies; possessing a dignity which wins childhood's affections, and a devotion that knows no weariness. A good teacher should be employed and kept, if possible, as long as they are good,—for it is one of the greatest evils connected with our common schools that we change teachers so often.

#### SPEAKING AGAINST TEACHERS.

Parents do an incalculable injury to the school by speaking against the teacher in the presence of their children. If you have doubts of their ability and faithfulness, go in the spirit of kindness and confer with them and the Committees, but mean business, not cheap talk.

#### SHADE TREES.

A few shade trees planted around our schoolhouses would add greatly to their comfort and beauty.

#### VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS.

No one has any right to find fault with the schools who does not visit them. Parents, do not let the persons who are entrusted with the cultivation and growth of the immortal minds of your children, be allowed to do their work in their own way, unless you know, by frequent observation, that their way is the right one. Visit the schools more, and see if there is any profanity or obscenity manifested by the children. No parent would wish to send his children to school where they are in danger of imbibing bad habits. If you find these excrescences there, you know the remedy.

## PARENTS.

We ask your earnest attention to your district schools, because not only the intellectual, but the moral character there receives lasting impressions. Not only there does the child show the kind of education he receives at home, but he there acquires habits, which will develop themselves at home, and perhaps for years in after life. The school should be a model of politeness and courtesy, and good manners should be constantly and carefully inculcated.

## CITIZENS.

The Committee would urge upon you the necessity of elevating the standard and raising the character of our common schools. They must be our great safeguard in the future, and if we would have our schools keep pace with other towns and cities in the progress of improvement, we must provide them with all the means necessary for this purpose. Our schoolhouses must be attractive and convenient; the teachers capable, faithful and energetic, and everything else connected with the schools be in keeping with the spirit of enterprise and progress. Thanks for the courtesy shown by parents, district agents and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. SANBORN, School Committee.

Kingston, March 1, 1878.